

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 106  
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bonnie Walker upon her meritorious tenure as Ms. Senior Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have distinguished themselves as superlative ambassadors for the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Walker of Atoka, Tennessee is most assuredly one such outstanding public servant deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Walker has served with acumen and integrity as Ms. Senior Tennessee for 1996, after astutely serving as Ms. Senior Delta for 1995-96; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Senior America Pageant, with which Ms. Senior Tennessee is associated, is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the age of elegance; it is also a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all senior Americans; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Walker truly personifies the pageant's philosophy that seniors are the foundation of America, as well as being our most valuable treasure, and that it is upon their knowledge, experience and resources that the younger generation has the opportunity to build a better society; and

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WHEREAS, a remarkable lady whose positive philosophy permeates every aspect of her life, Bonnie Walker wisely advises everyone to “always keep God, family and friends in your life; dream high goals and...laugh a lot”; and

WHEREAS, a Memphis resident for twenty-eight years, Ms. Walker has served as assistant director of activity at Mid-South Christian Nursing Home, in addition to teaching Bible classes for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, a lady of unwavering purpose and commitment, she worked with Memphis inner city churches during the late 1960s and 1970s and served with the first integrated church in the City of Memphis, which is now known as the N. 7th Street Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Walker has participated in American Sign Language classes and has traveled to Russia on a mission sponsored by East Frayser Church of Christ; she has also visited Spain, Portugal, Mexico and most recently, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, she presently serves as Girl Scout Ranger of Camp Annameekee at Randolph Tennessee, and has previously worked as a scout leader at all levels of scouting, from Brownies though Cadettes; and

WHEREAS, as a softball coach for six years, Ms. Walker expertly led her teams to the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, she served two exemplary terms as president of the Parent Teacher Association, and has been awarded a life membership in that worthy organization in recognition of her dedication and numerous contributions to the education and future of our children; and

WHEREAS, an elegant lady of numerous talents and interests, Bonnie Walker serves as agent and manager for a country music artist, in addition to pursuing a modeling and acting career; and

WHEREAS, at the Ms. Senior Tennessee pageant, Ms. Walker won the Philosophy of Life and Talent awards; and

WHEREAS, she has won the admiration of her peers and critics alike for her superlative performances in *Tribute to Minnie Pearl* in Tipton County and in *Taking Back My Life - Nancy Ziegenmeyer Story* on CBS Television; and

WHEREAS, she has also appeared in an infomercial and is a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker evidences her robust faith in the Lord through her active membership in the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, her many accolades and accomplishments aside, Bonnie Walker is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband of forty-three years, Marshall Walker, their five children and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional lady who believes strongly in reaching for the stars and being passionately engaged in life, but who is also firmly grounded in family values, Christian service and the joys of everyday life, Bonnie Walker is truly a worthy representative and accomplished ambassador for Tennessee, and she should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Bonnie Walker upon her meritorious tenure as Ms. Senior Tennessee, applaud her positive outlook on life and her stalwart commitment to God, family and community, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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